Arears of telephone Bills

1350. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the arrears of telephone bills as on September, 30, 1988 towards each of the Ex-M.P. former Minister, Ex-Governor, and also the political parties which are recognised by the Election Commission at the Central/State levels; and

(b) since when the arrears against each is due?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Execution of Ib Valley Thermal Power Project

1351. SHR JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken policy decision to take up Ib Valley Thermal Power Project in Orissa in the State sector;

(b) if so, when that project is expected to be implemented; and

(c) the latest position with regeard to beginning the execution of that project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The proposal of the Government of Orissa to set up the Ib Valley Thermal Power Project (4x210 MW) for benefits in the Eighth Plan has been approved by the Planning Commission for implementation in the State Sector. Preliminary works relating to land acquisition, township, approach roads, development of water supply and tele-communications etc. have been taken up.

Installation of capacitors

1352. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a programme for the installation of capacitors in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) A programme in association with the concerned State Electricity Boards has been drawn up for installation of capacitors in the country. It is assessed that installation of capacitors to the tune of about 2100 MVAR would be achieved in the country during 1988-89.

Telephones in villages

1353. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country which are presently connected by telephones;

(b) the number of villages which are likely to be connected by telephones by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(c) whether Government have any plan to provide telephones to all the villages by the year 2000 A.D.; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?